

PROJECT SUMMARY

SNC Reference Number
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SNC- 080141

County: Yuba and Nevada

Applicant: The Trust for Public Land

Project Title: Yuba River: Excelsior Property Acquisition

PROJECT GOAL

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) requests funding from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) for the fee title acquisition of the 880-acre Excelsior property in Yuba and Nevada Counties, within the Lower Yuba River watershed. This acquisition project will result in secured habitat connectivity, permanent protection of the multiple natural, cultural, scenic, and recreational resources contained on the property, public access for recreation and resource restoration, and advancement of SNC's goals.

PROJECT SCOPE

A grant from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy will be applied directly to the fee title acquisition of the Excelsior property. This project will acquire 880 acres located on the main stem of the Yuba River. The Excelsior property is just north of Highway 20 between the cities of Marysville and Grass Valley, near the community of Smartville. SNC funds will be matched with other public and private funds to complete this project by December 2009.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

This application includes letters of support from the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), Yuba River Land and Water Conservancy, Friends of Deer Creek, and the Sierra Fund.

SNC PROJECT DELIVERABLES AND SCHEDULE

DETAILS PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Pre-project due diligence: 1. Site appraisals 2. Environmental Assessment 3. Signed purchase agreement with current landowners 4. Fundraising	Complete September 2008 October 2008 In progress: July 2008 – December 2009
Project Deliverable: TPL will purchase 880-acre Excelsior property for long-term resource protection and eventual conveyance to CDFG.	December 2009
Submission of six-month progress reports	TPL will report on landowner negotiations, fundraising, and acquisition
Submission of final report	December 2009/early 2010, or approx at close of escrow

SNC PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES*	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
Fee title acquisition	\$1,000,000
SNC GRANT TOTAL	\$1,000,000

** All other costs for this project, including staff services and real estate due diligence, are part of the match for this project. See Item 13: Acquisition Schedule for a comprehensive project budget.*